



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

UNIT 35601

FPO AP 96382-5601

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO:

sjholland33@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Stephen Holland,

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST, FILE
NUMBER **DON-USMC-2023-010333**

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records from the III Marine Expeditionary Force, regarding "a filed prohibited activities and conduct (PAC), violation against Cpl Stephen Holland and two other marines." Your request was received by this office on 23 May 2023 and assigned the file number DON-USMC-2023-010333.

Please find attached the subject record consisting of thirty-two (32) pages. As you will see, some information has been redacted. The redactions are not denials as they have been withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(3)(A), 10 U.S.C. § 130b precludes the public disclosure of personally identifying information (e.g., name, rank, and duty address) of any DoD employee assigned to a routinely deployable, overseas, or sensitive unit.

5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6), which prohibits disclosure of personal information when an individual's privacy interest outweighs any public interest.

5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(7)(C), information that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of a living person including surviving family members of an individual identified in such record. This includes, but is not limited to, the names of DON/DoD military and civilian personnel, addresses, birthdates, social security numbers, and any other personally identifiable information regarding third parties referenced in such a record.

In view of the above, you may consider this to be an adverse determination that may be appealed. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

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Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked/submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

There are no search fees associated with this request.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, III Marine Expeditionary Force, directly at DSN 315-622-9429, or via email to matthew.resendiz@usmc.mil.

Per the delegation of initial denial authority from the Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force, I am responsible for this determination.

Sincerely,

C. G. ROBINSON
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate
III Marine Expeditionary Force